My dear Governor:

I can hardly express to you the delight with which I read in this morning's New York Times that you are to be put at the head of the feeding, clothing and rehabilitation of peoples who have resisted or who now rise against the Axis.

As long ago as May 1941, I began to talk here in Washington (and everywhere I could) of the offensive value of such a plan. It is something that we can do and Hitler cannot do. It is a powerful offensive against which he has no defense.

I need not say to you how ideally fitted you are for the job by temperament, ability and experience. I do want to say, however, that it seems to me magnificent that this work, which is at once crucial and humanitarian, should be headed by a great American leader of the Jewish race.

Cordially yours,

William H. Davis, Chairman.

The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman, Governor of New York.